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1. COSPONSORS OF 6- POWER PROPOSAL -- AUSTRALIA, CANADA, ITALY, JAPAN, UK, US -- HELD INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF AGGRESSION COMITE SESSION WHICH IS TO BEGIN 25 APRIL.

2. ON BUREAU, GENERAL VIEW WAS THAT FIRST PREFERENCE SHOULD BE FOR WEO CHAIRMAN IF ONE IS AVAILABLE, WHICH IS NOT AT ALL SURE, AND, IF NOT, FOR EE CHAIRMAN. EE WAS REGARDED AS PREFEREABLE TO ALLOWING CHAIR ONCE AGAIN TO GO TO NON- ALIGNED. WE NOTED INABILITY TO AGREE TO SOMETIME- CLAIM OF LDC' S THAT CHAIR OF THIS PARTUCLAR COMITE SHOULD FALL EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THEIR PROVINCE. WE PLAN DISCUSS SUBJECT FURTHER WITH 11- MEMBER WEO GROUP ON 20 MARCH.

3. JAPAN, UK AND AUSTRALIA SAID THAT WHATEVER THE PROSPECTS OF REACHING AN AGREED DEFINITION THIS YEAR, WHICH ARE UNCLEAR, IT IMPORTANT WEST CONTINUE MAINTAIN APPEARANCE OF REASONED FLEXIBILITY AS BEST WAY OF AVOIDING DEFINITION ADVERSE TO COMMON INTERESTS BEING ADOPTED BY MAJORITY OVER OUR OBJECTION. FREELAND (UK) SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY OF CONSIDERING IN PRINCIPLE MINOR DRAFTING CHANGES
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IN OUR PROPOSAL (NOT SPECIFIED AS WELL AS POSSIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATING IN A REVISED 6- POWER PROPOSAL THE PROPOSALS

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WE PUT FORWARD DURING 1972 SESSION.

4. OHTAKA (JAPAN) SAID THAT FLEXIBILITY, APART FROM CORRECT REFLECTION OF FACT 6- POWERS ARE NOT, LIKE THE NON- ALIGNED, STUCK ON PARTICULARISTIC FORMULATIONS , WOULD BE A NECESSARY PRELUDE TO A POSSIBLE EFFORT TO TERMINATE OR SUSPEND THIS EXERCISE IF AN AGREED DEFINI - TION CONTINUES TO PROVE ELUSIVE. FREELAND AGREED BUT SAID HE NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT WILLINGNESS TO SUSPEND EVEN IF LITTLE PROGRESS WERE RECORDED THIS YEAR. HE OPPOSED WEST WALKING OUT OF COMITE OR REFUSING TO SERVE. WANG (CANADA) SAID GOC WOULD NOT WISH TO PROVOKE SHOWDOWN AT COMING SESSION EVEN ABSENT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS.

5. PARTICIPANTS HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES IN 6- POWER TEXT. THERE WAS GENERAL CONCURRENCE IN VIEW THAT THE NEW SITUATION IN VIETNAM WOULD NOT CAUSE ANY MARKED CHANGE IN THE BEGOTIATING ATMOSPHERE (APART FROM THE USSR, WHICH WAS NOT IN ANY EVENT PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF DIFFICULTY), AND NO ONE THOUGHT THAT VIETNAM DEVELOPMENTS WOULD WARRANT MAJOR CHANGES IN THE 6- POWER PROPOSAL.

6. OHTAKA SAID HE WOULD REPRESENT JAPAN ALONG WITH FONOFF ADVISERS; BATSONE OF FCO LIKELY REPRESENT UK, PROF. CAPOTORTI ITALY, WARREN OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CANADA AND RICHARD SMITH AUSTRALIA.

7. IN SEPARATE AND EXTENSIVE CONVERSATION WYNDHAM OF AUSTRALIAN MISSION TOLD DELOFF HE BELIEVES THAT, NOT- WITHSTANDING CHANGE OF GOVT, GOA IS ON THE WHOLE LIKELY REMAIN AS COSPONSOR 6- POWER DRAFT DEFINITION BUT WILL WORK TOWARD GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN WESTERN POSITIONS. DELOFF SAID CONTINUED AUSTRALIAN COSPOSOSHIP WOULD BE IMPORTANT AND THAT, IN FACT, LESSENED RIGIDITY ON CANBERRA' S PART WOULD BRING GOA MORE INTO LINE WITH U. S. AND BRITISH POSITIONS AND WOULD BE WELCOME.
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